

# Commissioners in action

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**LAKE COUNTY** - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufdush, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting July 7. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 21 at 10 a.m.

At the June 30 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

## RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

Resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Engineer and BBC&M Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$13,457 for testing and inspection services for the Dodd Road Bridge Replacement - PID 85133.

Of the three bids received, BBC&M Engineering had the lowest and best bid. Federal funding for the project covers 80 percent of the cost.

## UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Resolution authorizing execution of contracts for various water and wastewater chemicals for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

The chemicals required are activated carbon, aluminum polymer, chlorine, ferrous chloride, hydrofluosilicic acid, zinc orthophosphate, sodium hypochlorite, potassium permanganate and sodium bisulfite.

Resolution approving final estimate No. 6 in the amount of \$16,329.57 with Hallmark Excavating, Inc. and accepting a maintenance bond in the amount of \$32,902 for Lake Road Water Improvement Project No. 319-W, Phase 2 in Madison Township for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

Total cost for the project is \$300,335.29.

Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the Lake County Auditor.

Resolution accepting the retirement resignation of Brad L. Pethtel from his position of supervisor IV.

Resolution accepting the resignation of Jason C. Emming from his position of maintenance I.

## JOB AND FAMILY

## SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Resolution authorizing execution of a professional service agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services and the Lake County General Health District for the Help Me Grow Program in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Help Me Grow is a state program to provide health and developmental services for children from pregnancy to preschool age. It offers the following services: full developmental screenings including vision, hearing and nutritional; prenatal education for expecting parents; home visitation services for case management and parenting education; linking and referrals to community services; and full comprehensive developmental evaluations for children with medical diagnosis or suspected developmental delays. Services are provided free for qualifying families in partnership with the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities. For more information call central intake 350-2433.

Resolution authorizing execution of a professional service agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services and the Lake County General Health District for the Great Gains Project in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, effective July 1 through June 30, 2012.

This program promotes kindergarten readiness for children 3 to 5 years who are believed to need additional support.

Resolution authorizing execution of a professional service agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services and Signature Health for child and adolescent drug and alcohol treatment in an amount not to exceed \$36,000, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Resolution authorizing execution of a service agreement between the Berea Children's Home & Family Services and the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services to provide a Works First Training Program in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, effective July 1 through June 30, 2012.

This is the third year for this program.

## COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

Resolution authorizing the Board of Lake County Commissioners to enter into and/or renew cooperation agreements with the various

municipalities and villages in Lake County for the utilization of funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under the Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

"Every three fiscal years we have to get resolutions from all the communities, municipalities and villages that want to continue their participation in our county entitlement program for fiscal years 2012 through 2014," said Jason Boyd, the county federal grants administrator.

The city of Mentor has its own Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and Waite Hill does not participate.

Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff, and Dorothy S. Konick, Ph.D. to administer a jail treatment program, effective through June 30, 2012.

Resolution establishing a fund to be known as Micro-Loan Fund with various revenue and appropriation lines.

"This is another one of our CDBG programs that we're continuing to work collaboratively on with the Port Authority," Boyd said. "This is a microloan program. The loans are for small businesses that typically can't get traditional financing; not to exceed \$20,000 per loan, with five employees or less."

The Port Authority administers the program.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Resolutions approving payment of bills as listed totaling \$588,199.85; purchase orders as listed totaling \$451,799.69; increasing appropriations for various non general fund accounts; and transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## UTILITIES

LCDU Director Rick Martin addressed the issue of mercury entering the water supply and the expense of having to try to remove it during the water treatment process. (See story "Mercury removal from water is an issue.")

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

"Last year, 2010, was our best year that we've had for Workers Compensation and the amount of claims and our costs involved, and its continually been going down over the years," said Administrative Services Director Bill Margalis.

Previously the county would have about 60 to 75 lost time claims per year and last year there were only 32.

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For the first six months this year, there have only been eight.

Margalis credited the

county's safety programs for the decrease.

#### NEW BUSINESS

• Commissioner Dan

Troy mentioned there were some changes regarding elections from the state legislature.

"They did not eliminate the special elections in February and August as the CCAO (County Commissioners Association of Ohio) had asked for, but if any special elections that the entities requested would have to pay 65 percent of election costs upfront," he said.

The changer takes most of the financial burden for the special elections off the county boards of election who currently must front

100 percent of costs and wait a year for reimbursement.

"Hopefully it sends a message to entities that there is a direct, considerable cost for holding these special elections and maybe they'll think twice about having three or four elections a year," Troy said.

Another issue he mentioned was the boards of elections being required to have a minimum of four poll workers, even for small elections. Ohio law now requires at least two Democrats and two Republicans work the polling places.

Now the legislature has said it can be just two poll workers, one from each party.

Commissioner Ray Sines noted each of the boards of elections could choose whether to go along with the reduced number of poll workers.

• During some discussion regarding the work being done on Route 2, Lake County Engineer Jim Gills said ODOT had determined the reason the new cement was cracking in areas was due to sulphates in the soil.

"(The sulphates) are reacting to the cement stabilization and causing the pavement to move," he said. "It's going to cost them \$10 million to take that pavement out, fix the problem and put it back."

Gills said they were having the same problem with projects on Route 90 and in Ashtabula County.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT:

Pursuant to the requirements of the grant, notice is hereby issued that the Lake County Sheriff's Office intends to apply for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (FY 2011 Local Solicitation) in the amount of \$33,500 under the "Interoperable Communications" section to purchase hand-held radios for the upcoming radio upgrade.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss two imminent litigation issues.